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REMARKS

Claims 4 and 11 were objected to, with the Examiner expressing the view that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

However, the respective base claims were rejected under 35 USC 112.

Applicants' attorney spoke with Examiner Lee regarding this matter, and in the course of the conversation that Examiner pointed out that the language found in claims 1 and 9 regarding reducing a "likelihood" is unclear, and suggested that removing that language might be helpful. The Examiner's courtesy and helpfulness are greatly appreciated.

Claims 4 and 11 are amended herein along the lines discussed in the above-mentioned telephone interview and, as amended, it is believed that claims 4 and 11 are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 4 and 11 are respectfully solicited.

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